

HOUSE BILL 2298
By McMillan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated,
Title 63, relative to drug prescriptions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

Section 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-236 is amended by deleting the Section in its entirety and substituting the following:

Any written or electronic order for a drug prepared by a physician or surgeon who is authorized by law to prescribe a drug must be legibly printed or typed so that it is comprehensible by the pharmacist who fills the prescription. The written or electronic order must contain the name of the prescribing physician or surgeon; the name and strength of the drug prescribed; the quantity of the drug prescribed, written in both letters and numerals; instructions for the proper use of the drug; and the month and day that the prescription was issued, written in letters or in numerals. The prescribing physician or surgeon must sign the written or electronic order on the day it is issued unless a drug is dispensed by the department of health or a local health department pursuant to § 63-10-205. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a physician or surgeon from issuing a verbal prescription order.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.